

REMARKS

The Examiner made the following remarks in the outstanding Office Action:

- Claims 1-6 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
- Claims 2-6 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 6,462,702, issued in the name of Harvey F. Bowlds, (hereinafter "Bowlds"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,917,430, issued in the names of Greneker, III et al., (hereinafter "Greneker").
- Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 and 11-16, including independent claims 1 and 2, were originally presented. Claims 2-4 and 13 have been cancelled by way of the present Response. Claims 1, 5-6, 11-12, and 14-15 have been amended. Claims 1, 5-6, 11-12, and 14-16, including independent claim 1, are currently pending. No new matter has been

added. Favorable reconsideration of the present Response as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER AND CLAIM 1

Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's indication that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant has appropriately replaced the two instances of the word "about" with - of - and - regarding -, respectively. Additionally, Applicant has cancelled claim 2 and other dependent claims. Claims 5-6, 11-12, and 14-15 have been amended to depend from independent claim 1 rather than independent claim 2. Applicant respectfully submits the application as presently presented is in condition for allowance.

CLAIMS 2-6 AND 11-16

Claims 2-6 and 11-16 stand rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Bowlds Greneker. In view of the foregoing claim cancellations and amendments as well as remarks, Applicant respectfully solicits withdrawal of the outstanding §103(a) rejections. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claim 1 and claims 5-6, 11-12, and 14-15, which as amended depend from claim 1 and add additional limitations.

FEE STATEMENT

Applicant believes no fees are due for the filing of this Response. If any fees are due, however, please charge our deposit account (Account No. 50-3215).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow claims 1, 5-6, 11-2, and 14-16, including independent claim 1, presented for consideration herein. Accordingly, a favorable action in the form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2008.

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